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In re the application of: Allan Balmain and
Jingde Zhu

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: P. Brunovskis, Ph.D.

Serial No.: 09/051159

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For: Antitumor Vector Constructs and Methods

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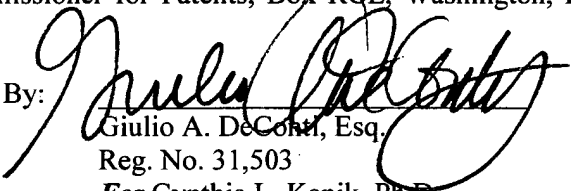
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response to address the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated November 7, 2001 (Paper No. 19). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to file a brief, as well as a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as follows: